## Blanchard, Deborah

From:

Sunday, March 13, 2022 2:48 PM

Sent: To:

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Subject:

Hello,

My name is Dan. I'm a Naugatuck resident and I'm writing to voice my strong opposition to Governor Lamonts new gun control proposals. With the increase in crime the last couple years, blame is yet again being put on hundreds of thousands of legal gun owners in the state of Connecticut instead of where it belongs, on the ones committing the crimes. The governor made this clear when he made no distinction between the recent increase of legal and illegal guns. Pistol permit holders like myself that undergo the extensive vetting required to obtain a permit are not the issue. These new proposals much like the ones passed after Sandy Hook, overwhelmingly target gun retailers and legal gun owners while doing next to nothing to target the criminal element. I believe the governor has no business pushing more restrictions on legal gun owners. His recent statement that "you're not tough on crime if you're not tough on guns" is laughable when 70% of criminal gun charges are dropped in the state of Connecticut. These failed policies will only continue to produce more of the same emboldened criminals and further erode honest good citizens 2nd amendment rights. I hope you take this into consideration and strongly encourage you to say NO when these proposals come up for a vote.

Stop passing legislation that divides, segregates and intimates those who believe in self-defense. DO NOT PASS SB-16.

In addition, I hope the Judiciary Committee will OPPOSE Raised H.B. No. 5416 AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.

However, please SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.

Please SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Please SUPPORT Raised S.B. No. 388 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

Thank you